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DELIVER TO NEA/ARN, DAY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS.

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. LAST NIGHT WAS THE QUIETEST NIGHT WE HAVE HAD FOR A WEEK. SOME SMALL ARMS AND MORTAR EXCHANGES, BUT MINIMAL. SOME TRAFFIC INTO TOWN BUT DOWNTOWN BEIRUT CONTINUES TO BE DEAD. POLITICAL POT STILL BOILING, LATEST DEVELOPMENT BEING, CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, KARAME AND CHAMOUN APPEAR TO HAVE EXCHANGED COMPLIMENTS IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY.

2. ONE REFRESHING NOTE IN AN OTHERWISE GRIM PICTURE: COUVE'S STATEMENTS, EACH ONE OF WHICH MAKES MORE SENSE THAN ITS PREDECESSOR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE CAN DO, BUT AT LEAST HE IS TELLING THE LEBANESE THE BLUNT FACTS OF LIFE.
GODLEY

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